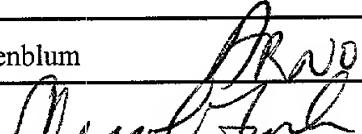


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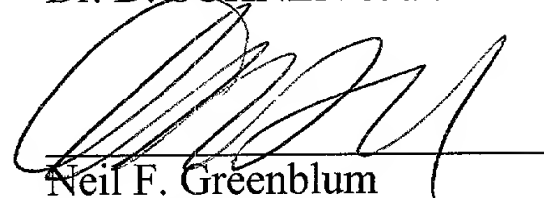
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- 23 pages of specification (including Abstract);
- 21 total claims; with 2 independent;
- an unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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